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INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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TEHRAN PASS MISSION ADVANCE MAN DON RYAN

E.O. 11652; NA

TAGS: BEXP, IZ

SUBJECT: MISSISSIPPI STATE IOGA TRADE MISSION

REF: (A) STATE 048100; (B) STATE 059574

1. WITH NO RPT NO EXCEPTIONS, INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTED ON MISSION TO KUWAIT AND IRAN HAVE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES IN GREAT DEMAND IN IRAQ. IN ABSENCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, GROUP CANNOT, HOWEVER, VISIT IRAQ AS IOGA. AFTER APRIL ONE FLIGHTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM TEHRAN TO BAGHDAD ON MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF EACH WEEK (E.G. APRIL 28 OR 30). HOTELS WILL BE TIGHT BUT USINT CAN DRAW ON INTERESTED PRIVATE SECTOR BUSINESSMEN TO HELP WITH THIS PROBLEM AND WITH APPOINTMENT.

2. EXPERIENCE SUGGESTS USDOC SHOULD SPARE NO EFFORTS PERSUADE IRAQUI INTERESTS SECTION WASHINGTON ISSUE ALL REQUIRED VISAS BEFORE GROUP LEAVES WASHINGTON.

3. USINT CAN MAKE APPOINTMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL MISSISSIPPIANS WITH APPROPRIATE GOI CONTACTS BUT IT CAN BE VERY EMBARRASSING IF PARTIES FAIL TO SHOW UP.
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4. USINT STRONGLY URGES MISSION ADVANCE TEAM (DON RYAN AND ROYCE CULPEPPER) ADD BAGHDAD TO THEIR ITINERARY, POSSIBLY ENROUTE TO OR AFTER STOP IN KUWAIT. BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT FOR RYAN SEE BAGHDAD AND FOR CULPEPPER BE MADE AWARE OF ENOURMOUS POTENTIAL FOR MISSISSIPPI PRODUCTS AND SERVICES, ESPECIALLY RICE, MEAT, AGRI-BUSINESS IN GENERAL AND CONTRUCTION, CONSULTING WORK. COMATT KILLOUGH WOULD BE DELIGHTED HAVE BOTH MEN STAY HIS HOME.
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